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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Armin Pieroth et al.

Application No.: 10/568,989

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Art Unit: 3671

For: LEAF-STRIPPING DEVICE, ESPECIALLY  
FOR VINES

Examiner: J. D. Misa

**RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S COMMUNICATION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response this to the Office Communication dated January 6, 2009 referencing the Office Action dated May 29, 2008, Applicants have combined the arguments from the office action response filed September 28, 2008, the first supplemental response filed on October 8, 2008, and the second supplemental response filed October 14, 2008. This filing replaces the former filings in their entirety. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.